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Again the vacation season is over and we are about to experience the delight of common worship and fraternal greetings as our congregations gather for the first service of the new church year.

During the vacation period the dates for the state conferences have been arranged. They are as follows: Minnesota, October 5-6, at Hanska; Iowa, October 7-9, at Perry; Missouri Valley, October 12-14, at Omaha; Illinois, October 14-16, at Rockford; Michigan, October 19-21, at Grand Rapids. The importance to our work of these gatherings is very great. They are the local centers for the expression of opinions concerning the policy of our body and the manner of its work. The programs of these conferences are always good and sometimes very much out of the ordinary. The good-fellowship and hospitality manifested are of the highest order. It is to be hoped that many of our people will take advantage of these opportunities for profit and pleasure.

It has been obvious for a long time to all who are interested in the missionary work of the Unitarian Church that the methods pursued by our body do not produce adequate results. Again and again President Eliot has called our attention to this fact. In his recommendations to the last annual meeting of the A. U. A. he set forth his views in no uncertain tones. After stating the evils that he believed arise from what is termed the "subsidy system" he recommended that each department take care of its own missionary enterprises. He stated strongly that by such a method the aided churches would be stimulated to do their best to become self-supporting and that the churches which contribute funds for missionary purposes would be moved to greater generosity by knowing that their money goes direct to their neighbors. The effect of gifts to churches in the past has been, in a measure, to convince the churches that there was an inexhaustible treasury in Boston that could be drawn upon at will and because of this there was not much need for sacrifice and work on the part of the indivdiual churches. For a church to get such an idea as this and work upon it is suicidal. A cause means very little indeed to any one when he is not ready to stand by it to the extent of his ability. If the Unitarians of the West are properly imbued with the spirit of their religion and are properly informed as to its value to others, and other communities than his own, then there can be no doubt as to their ability to carry on their own missionary enterprises. It is worth while for us to be put to the test. Dr. Eliot has made clear to us where he stands in this matter. His attitude is not due to any lessening of generosity on the part of New England Unitarians, but to the ill effects of the present system. This matter is to be brought before the state conferences this fall for consideration. If we are to grow until we become a power in the middle-west it must be by our becoming self-conscious. We cannot grow in power by having our resources provided and used for us by others. It is to be hoped that the efforts being made both east and west to bring about a change may be successful.

In an article in a magazine of wide influence in the world of thought, a writer of note announces his dissatisfaction with Unitarianism. He gives his reasons. They are a lack of zeal on the part of Unitarians and a clinging to the traditions of the past. He explains our lack of zeal by saying that we have no vital theology. He accuses us of remaining attached to old beliefs and forms the vitality of which has long been exhausted, and he is disappointed in us because we profess to be free, but have utterly failed to use our inherited freedom. He quotes very freely from Unitarian writers to sustain his point. While reading his article it struck me for the first time that outside of our body we are at a disadvantage by not having a creed. Of course, all Unitarians realize and value their freedom and are willing to accord the same freedom to their neighbors, but outside of our body anything that is said by any member of it may be quoted as the thing that Unitarians believe without any one being able to present an authoritative statement to the contrary. Much as we may protest that no one can speak for a creedless church we cannot make men understand. From the quotations that were made one can see quite clearly how a progressive thinker would

find grounds for what this writer asserts. But he errs in thinking that his quotations speak for the larger part of Unitarians. For some time our denomination has been strangely non-productive of books setting forth the thought into which our leaders have grown. They are expressing in the terms of the religious life the latest authentic word of science and philosophy, but they leave to the representatives of these two branches, science and philosophy, the task of expressing the relation of their discoveries to life. Perhaps it is because the sermon has lost its popularity and our leaders do not express themselves in other form that their thoughts and utterances are not put into print. It is needful, however, if we are not to be misjudged by thoughtful men, that our latest and best thought as a denomination be set forth. Already many men who would be of us have criticised us severely for holding views that we have long since outgrown There may be a tendency in our publishing house to put forth only what is considered "safe," which means only that which will find approval among the many. This is easily understood, for it is also the business of those who publish to sell. But for a body with our traditions that is not "safe," it is the reverse. Our appeal is not made to "the many," they are satisfied where they are. It is better to secure the co-operation and respect of one man such as some of our critics are than to please many persons who are self-satisfied and non-progressive. Our religion is vital, only we do not seem to have discovered the fact as fully as we ought. It is not based on ideas about Jesus, but on a God-life. Our attempt is not to furnish a metaphysical scheme whereby men may think right and thereby satisfy God, but to inspire men to live his life here and now that they may be in harmonious touch with all earth-manifestations of his life and thereby gain for themselves a life that is sweet and sane and big. Of course, it does not matter, so this is produced, whether it be called Unitarian or not, but we as a body are organized as a protest against the one and to promote the other, hence it is our business to set forth our faith as well and persistently as we can. Our task as a religious body is to relate discoveries of law and life in all realms of God-life with the life of man. This as a body we are trying to do. Our traditions forbid that we should turn from any fact or bid it begone from our system of belief because it does not harmonize with our preconceived notions. If we are true we must welcome it, if it be proved a fact, and find a harmony between it and its fellows. Now this is just the attitude taken by our leaders. It is true that many sink into the slough of conventions and forms and become dulled to the appeal of a new thought, but these, if once aroused, assert the principle of hospitality and give welcome to the new. This critic also called attention to our small following and asserted that it arises from our lack of progressiveness. In this he is mistaken. The reverse is true. If we had not acted according to the spirit of Channing, but accepted his doctrines and not sought to revise or go beyond them we should be a large and strong denomination today. Accepting his spirit of progressive thought we have ever been of that small company who pioneer the way into all of the lands of promise. Our smallness is, in a measure, our glory, for it asserts that we are still in the van. The beliefs of our fathers are now the faith of the many in Protestantism, the spirit of our fathers is yet our heritage. It bids us go from belief to belief as the greatening life needs new adjustment, and just as long as we are true to this we shall be few in numbers, but great in influence and happy in our freedom. If those who feel that our work is not a success could only know the groans that come from those to whom traditional beliefs are a bondage they would bless our cause and spirit and join hands with us in liberating men by the spirit of truth that in freedom they might find the great life which can only be found by him to whom bondage and fear are unknown because knowledge has made wide and clear life's horizon.

THE VALUE OF A UNITARIAN CHURCH IN A COMMUNITY.

A Unitarian church is a centre for religion. And every such centre is of immense value in a community today. A Unitarian church is profoundly religious. A good many people do not believe this, because they have never been in a Unitarian church and know nothing of its beliefs except through caricature. "Religious? Why, Unitarians do not believe in God." Why do people say this? Because Unitarians do not believe in God just as they themselves believe in him. Consequently they jump to the conclusion that Unitarians do not believe in God. And that is a mistake.

A woman whom I know, once attended a Unitarian service. She had never been in a Unitarian service before, and this particular service was held in a hall. She said: "I never felt so religious in all my life." Our Unitarian service could not receive a better or truer compliment.

A Unitarian church is profoundly religious. The influence that goes abroad in the community from a Unitarian church is a profoundly religious influence. In these days of questioning and doubt, no church is more valiantly fighting skepticism and materialism than the Unitarian Church.

Again, it is a centre for a free religion. And in most communities, there are people who would have no church home unless its religion were free.

It is said that theology is playing out, but that is not true any more than biology or botany or any

one of the sciences is playing out. Theology is the systematic arrangement of religious truth and people are deeply interested in it. Let any one start a religious discussion in the smoking-room of a sleeping car and every one present is interested. All are hungry to know.

The theology that is more and more gaining the interest of the modern world, is the theology that is being worked out in perfect intellectual freedom.

And so the Unitarian Church, as a free church, is of great value in such a community.

A Unitarian church emphasizes simplicity in religion. Huxley was once attending a dinner where a young lady asked him, "Mr. Huxley, do you not think it bad business for the Rev. Mr. B. to adopt the eastward position in administering the sacrament?" After a moment Mr. Huxley replied, "My dear young lady, I am told by Sir John Huschel that to drop a bean at the end of every mile on a journey to the nearest fixed star would require a fleet of ten thousand ships, each of six hundred tons burden, and all starting full of beans. Do you think the Great God who holds that fixed star in its place considers this eastward position of Mr. B.'s a very serious matter?"

Such a reply leaves nothing to be said. The Unitarian Church is not interested in the innumerable details and decorations of worship. We take religion in its deep simplicity.

Moreover, in a Unitarian church, human nature comes to its own. Epictetus declared that every man carries around within him a God. That is what we Unitarians believe. Human nature is a divine-God nature. The Unitarian Church seeks to inspire and to build up that nature.

The Evangelical Alliance was organized in London in 1846, and affirmed as its fourth article, "the utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the Fall." So far as I know, that article has never been abolished in any of the subsequent meetings of the Alliance in Europe or America. It has not been officially abolished in any fellowship of the conservative church. Individuals by the thousand have discarded it, but it is still the corner-stone of historic Christianity.

If human nature is depraved, it is no wonder that men are dishonest and corrupt, sinful and bad. They are simply fulfilling their nature. The Unitarian Church says: "You may be sinful, but that is not your true nature. Your true nature is to be honest and clean. You are a child of God. Now, gather your energies and renew the right spirit within you. Before God, be ashamed of yourself for your sins, and believe in your better self. Go forth, and in your homes and your business, live as a child of God ought to live."

And so a Unitarian church sends into the community people who have been religiously inspired to feel that as children of God they must live as children of God, and that such life is the outer manifestation of their religion. They are assured that such life is Christian life. Said Jesus: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father"; "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor as thyself"; "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

Such principles the Unitarian Church has accepted as Christian principles. "By their fruits shall ye know them." Unitarians may fail under such tests, but such are the principles that they accept and to which they aspire. Their daily life is their Christian religion. Gladstone tells the story that once Lord Melbourne returned home from church in a mighty fume. "It is too bad," said he, "that after supporting the church and the clergy, I should have to hear such a sermon. Why, the minister actually insisted upon applying religion to a man's private life."

A Unitarian church applies religion to a man's private and public life. On Sunday it seeks to inspire people to be religious on Sunday, onto the next Sunday to be religious men in business and religious women in the home, religious in everything they do and say and hope for and aspire after. There is no saving virtue in a mere belief, nor in mere acceptance of sacraments, nor in mere performance of religion. Live as children of God, and then—salvation? Unitarians do not talk much about salvation. The word tends to drop out of use when one's attention is turned from the next world to this world. The Unitarian Church calls attention to our life here. Instead of saying, "Save your soul," it says, "Be right with God, be right with your fellowmen, be right with God by being right with your fellowmen."

And so the Unitarian Church aims to make a man a lover of his fellowmen, a philanthropist, a helper of the needy and of good causes, a builder of the better life of a community. As a centre of religion that is free, simple, vital, it is of incalculable spiritual and social value. MINOT O. SIMONS.

Cleveland.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Bloomington, Ill.—Our society in this place tried the experiment this year of holding services through July, with a result surprisingly good. The attendance was large and interest great.

Buda, Ill.—Rev. E. H. Barrett has resigned after three years of successful work. His plans for the future are not formed. During his pastorate the par-

sonage was bought and a number of people united with the society.

Champaign-Urbana, Ill.—The church building being erected for our society in this university city is nearing completion and will be dedicated shortly.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Rev. W. S. Nichols has resigned from the work in this city and Pueblo. Rev. W. T. Brown, field secretary for the Rocky Mountain District, will take charge of the work in these cities.

Des Moines, Iowa.—On Sunday, June 28, a "Service of Commemoration and Welcome to New Members" was held. The minister, Rev. Mary A. Safford, formulated the service that was used. Tablets were presented to the church by Dr. Nathaniel Hunting in memory of his father who was at one time minister of this church, and for many years a prominent worker for our cause in Iowa. Following Miss Safford's address presenting these on behalf of Dr. Hunting to the church, a response from the Board of Trustees was given by their president, Prof. James R. Hanna. It was a tender and inspiring occasion. That the cause for which Mr. Hunting worked so hard is going on with ever widening effect for good was shown by those who took for the first time that day a vow to promote it.

Greeley, Colo.—Owing to ill health Rev. T. Clinton Brockway has severed his relation with our society in this city. Mr. Brockway expects to take up the work of the ministry again after a short period of rest.

Harrietta, Mich.—The first anniversary of the dedication of this church was observed by a series of meetings held July 11-12. Saturday evening a platform meeting was held at which the speakers were Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane and Mrs. Potter of Kalamazoo, Rev. H. Van Ommeren, Mr. C. S. Udell, president of the Michigan Conference, and Rev. W. M. Backus. On Sunday morning Mrs. Crane preached the sermon and in the evening Mr. Backus gave the sermon, while at both meetings Mr. Van Ommeren conducted the services. The meetings were largely attended. The people of the church feel very happy over their year of work in the new building, and they were the recipients of warm congratulations from the visiting friends.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Unitarians of this city are rejoicing over the acceptance of a call issued by them to Rev. Walter F. Greenman of Watertown, Mass. Mr. Greenman begins his work in Milwaukee October 1. The West is very fortunate in having Mr. Greenman chose to settle here. He has always been very active denominationally, being at the present time secretary of the National Conference.

Monroe, Wis.—Owing to protracted and critical illness, Rev. J. H. Palmer has decided to retire from active service in the ministry. For six years he has served the society in Monroe faithfully and well, despite weakness and pain caused by an illness dating from his days of service as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. The congregation took fitting action to express its sense of what Mr. Palmer had done for their church and city. Although critically ill, he has not lost interest in the cause of liberal religion that he has served so well, but finds comfort in it and prophesies its triumph.

Ord, Neb.—Our society in this western city has found it expedient to dispense with the service of a minister for a time, that it may pay the indebtedness upon its building. During this period regular services are to be held, conducted by laymen. Rev. Mary L. Leggett has given a year of faithful work to this church and leaves it in much better condition than she found it, having reorganized the Sunday school and enlarged the work of the library. Miss Leggett returns east to again take up the work of the ministry in New England.

St. Louis, Unity Church.—The very searching and able paper on "The Present Status of the Pragmatic Movement," delivered before the last session of the Western Conference, was printed in *Unity* in the issue of July 9 and has since been issued in pamphlet form. The work of Unity Church goes on in the even tenor of its established way. This church has ever been noted for its quiet, persistent efforts to bring the good things of the mind and the spirit to bear upon the life of St. Louis, and its success has been exceptional.

Shelbyville, Ill.—With the failure of the stock company that took over Lithia Chautauqua to make it a financial success, Brother Douthit again took full charge and responsibility of the work. As there is no change in the platform management the same order has prevailed there as in former years. The attendance has been much better than was expected. As has before been expressed in these columns, Shelbyville and vicinity owes a great debt of gratitude to Brother Douthit for his undaunted faith and superb courage in giving to this community year after year under great difficulty and discouragement a "feast of reason and flow of soul" such as has brought light and a larger life to many who were in need. While it is not and cannot in the nature of things be Unitarian, its platform is free and the most advanced sentiments find expression there.

Sioux City, Iowa.—At a meeting of this society held in June Rev. Manley Bacon Townsend, of Randolph, Mass., was extended a call. Mr. Townsend has accepted and begins his work Sunday, September 6. THE NEWS LETTER is glad to welcome him to our Western Field. The important pulpit of our Sioux City Church will find in Mr. Townsend one who will uphold its high traditions and reputation.

Detroit, Mich.—*The Christian Register* reports the intention of Rev. Reed Stuart to resign from the ministry of our church in this city. For many years his genial, strong personality has been a source of strength and comfort to the people of his society, and to the community in which his ministry has been exercised. In the pulpit he has had few equals in our day in any denomination. He announces his intention to retire from the active work of the ministry. This will mean a great loss to liberal religion. Although his retiring habits prevented his taking the active leadership among us that his ability so well qualified him for, his printed word found wide circulation.

Field Notes.—During June the secretary carried on the office work and preached every Sunday. The first two Sundays were spent with the pastorless Third Church in Chicago—the first Sunday being Covenant Sunday and the second Children's Day. The third Sunday he went to Serena, Ill., and the fourth to Ann Arbor, Mich. In July he held services at Whitehall and Harrietta, Mich., and Serena, Ill. In August he remained in the office while the faithful clerk, Miss Scheible, was taking a well-earned vacation; also he preached at Serena and Lithia Springs Chautauqua.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATE ALLIANCE.

The sixth and annual meeting of the Associate Alliance was held on Thursday, June 4, at the Unitarian Church, Geneva, Ill. Fifty-five were present, Mrs. Grant Beele presiding. Meeting called to order at 11:30 a. m.

Minutes of May meeting were read and accepted; also treasurer's report and the annual report of the secretary and treasurer.

During the year six meetings have been held, three in the city churches and one each in Evanston, Hinsdale and Geneva, with an average attendance of fifty-nine. Membership for the year, 272.

Three new Branch Alliances have been formed during the year, one at Bloomington, Ill.; one at Streator, Ill., and one at Hobart, Ind., and notes of greeting were sent these new Alliances from the Associate Alliance.

A new church has recently come into our fellowship at Beloit, Kas. At the request of Mrs. Weatherly of Worcester, Mass., a report was sent there, telling of the aims and work of the Associate Alliance. On account of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hawley, a report of the May meetings in Boston was not given. Miss Fry, chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange, gave an account of the work done during the year, with encouraging results, and of the unfailing interest shown in the work in Unity and Third Church.

Miss Lewis reported for the Postoffice Mission. Advertisements have been placed in three different papers, with good results.

From June, 1907, to June, 1908, about one hundred and fifty sermons have been sent out. Work along this line will be resumed early in the autumn. Reports from the various branches were given, all showing a most successful year, both socially and financially.

Sewing has been done for the School Children's Aid Society, Convalescent Home for Women and Children, Elm Street Settlement, Cribside Memorial Hospital, Needle Work Guild, and help given the sick. Orders have been filled for aprons, comforters and gowns.

Clothing sent to families in North Carolina and Virginia, and a box to Booker T. Washington. Packages of the Easter Greeting, published by former "Sunshine Circle" of Third Church, were sent to Alliances at Boise, Idaho, and Harrietta, Mich.

The Swedish Unitarian Church has sent out tracts in both the English and Scandinavian languages. Lectures, dinners, sales and other entertainments given have swelled the funds in the treasury of each branch.

In May, the Alliance entertained delegates to the Western Unitarian Conference during their stay, and the Alliance Day was one of the features of the conference. A collection for the telephone has been taken at each meeting.

On June 20 a picnic for the Sunday schools of all our churches was given at Beverly Hills. The meetings for the past year have all been well attended and the social hour following the luncheons much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. H. L. Clapp, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented her report, and the officers named were elected for the coming year.

The Geneva Alliance delightfully entertained us, serving a most delicious luncheon, for which the Alliance, through the president, expressed its appreciation.

The beautiful June day was one long to be remembered, passing only too quickly. Laden with flowers, late in the afternoon we reluctantly departed for home. EMMA CLAPP BAKER, Sec'y.

Gleanings from Sermon Topics.—Rev. R. E. Ramsay, Davenport, "Experience the Test of Truth," "The Faith of Dissenters," "Vacation Morality," "Magic and Mysticism of Today"; Rev. J. P. MacCarthy, Kalamazoo, "Theology and Sanitary Science," "Is Science a Better Religion than Theology?" Rev. G. A. Thayer, Cincinnati, "A Father and His Son," "The Man Before the Furnace"; Rev. A. M. Rihbany, Toledo, "Believing Without Seeing," "Seeing Yet Believing"; Rev. J. M. A. Spence, Hinsdale, "Some Religious Certainties"; Rev. E. C. Snith, Green Bay, "The New Attitude Towards Death."

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Bloomington, Ill.—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4:15 P. M. Rev. William S. Nichols.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Colo.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford.

Detroit, Mich.—Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Colo.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays. Rev. John Visher.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Mary L. Leggett.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa.—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

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